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THIRTY-FIVE CENTS

Haircut benefit Event will aid youth center

Area residents looking a little shaggy can get a free haircut or style May 21 while at the same time contributing toward the establishment of a youth center in Granite City.

From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on that day, hair stylists from all over Granite City will be participating in a cut-a-thon to benefit the Mayor's Youth Center.

The event will be held at the Academy of Beauty Culture, 1815 Edison Avenue. Each person who receives a haircut will receive a free style and contribute a minimum \$10 donation toward the Mayor's Youth Center, a not-for-profit organization.

All proceeds will be used to establish a youth center in Granite City.

Appointments are not necessary.

Mayor Ron Selph has been spearheading the drive for establishment of a youth center in Granite City as part of the fulfillment of a campaign pledge.

Selph has obtained tax-exempt status for the youth center as a not-for-profit organization and has appointed a 20-person board of directors.

The drive received a major boost last month when Joe Glk pledged a \$100,000 donation.



Sheila Morgan of the Academy of Beauty Culture gives Mayor Ron Selph a haircut.

Shooting prompts debate Store employee, youths exchange gunfire

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The Madison County State's Attorney's office has declined to file charges against a Venice store employee who exchanged shots with two youths Saturday.

However, one of the youths, Christopher Haynes, 17, of the 1300 block of Klein, was charged Wednesday with aggravated discharge of a firearm, a Class I felony, in the incident. A second juvenile has not been charged yet, according to court police.

The shooting sparked a heated exchange at Tuesday's Venice City Council Meeting, where aldermen

debated whether the store employee was wantonly endangering nearby residents or lawfully defending himself during the exchange, at about 5 p.m. Saturday, April 15. The two youths walked into Adams Market, 1001 Logan, and racial slurs. After an employee ordered them out, the youths started to force them out, Haynes allegedly pulled a small handgun and fired several shots.

The store employee also allegedly pulled out a .22 caliber semi-automatic, but it would not fire. He then ran behind the counter, got a .38 revolver, and ran outside after the two. At some point he fired one shot at

the two. Because they were answering another emergency call, a hit-and-run involving a child — Venice officers were not the first on the scene.

Police recovered both the store worker's guns. One shot had been fired from the store.

They also noted two bullet holes inside the building, and recovered a bullet near a broken bottle.

The store worker was able to identify Haynes, 17, of St. Louis, and the juvenile later surrendered to police. The alleged gun used by Haynes was never recovered.

At Tuesday's meeting, Alderman

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Courthouse security studied Sheriff calls for added caution

By Scott Wuerz
Staff writer

Concern among Madison County department heads over the possibility of a disaster like the Oklahoma City bombing has inspired Sheriff Bob Chuah and County Board Chairman Nelson Hagnauer to call a special security meeting sometime this week.

"We just have to be a little bit more cautious because a tragedy in Edinboro is never something like that could happen anywhere," Churchich said. "We're going to get everyone together to discuss concerns and possible improvements to security in the courthouse and administration building."

Madison County Circuit Clerk Matt Melucci said his employees are concerned because the bombing reminds public servants of how dangerous their work is.

"We've always concerned about security because tragedies can happen so fast," Melucci said. "It just took a couple of seconds to park a car in front of that building."

"But we do feel pretty well protected at the courthouse. We have easy access to security and they're spread out in the building in such a way that they can

immediately respond to any part of the building."

Director of Courthouse Security Don Bridick said he is confident county buildings are safe already.

"We've made no changes in policy," Bridick said. "Something like that could happen here just as easy as anywhere, but I can't remember any bomb threats made in the past."

Madison County Clerk Deborah Saltich said her office has received threatening calls in the past.

"Whenever we get calls like that we follow policy to the letter, which means we not only notify police, but Edwardsburg police as well," Saltich said. "It really depends on you stop and think but you can never be careful enough to be completely safe from something like that."

Saltich said she was especially affected by the bombing because she has family in Oklahoma City.

"They live about 10 miles from Oklahoma City and the sound of the blast woke them up," Saltich said.

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Pot allegedly worth \$1 million

U.S. drug trial opens

By Bob Slatte
Staff writer

Two Granite City men — including a city employee who is the son of a former mayor — are accused of possessing marijuana with a street value of more than \$1 million last November.

The federal drug trial of Doug Turnbough, of the 2700 block of Buxton Avenue, and Gerald E. Whitmer, of the 2900 block of Madison Street, began Thursday in U.S. District Court in East St. Louis.

Both Turnbough and Whitmer face federal charges of conspiracy to distribute marijuana, possession of more than 100 kilograms of marijuana with the intent to distribute it, and possession with intent to distribute it and possession of a firearm during a drug trafficking crime and possession of a firearm with no registration or serial

number.

Kathy Jo Stull, also of the 2700 block of Buxton Avenue, faces drug possession charges as well. She will be tried separately.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Randy Massey told the jury Thursday that drug agents discovered about 700 pounds of marijuana in six 55-gallon drums at Central Freight Lines in Pharr, Texas, on Oct. 27 of last year.

Each of the drums contained seven or eight large bundles of marijuana wrapped in duct tape and sealed with zip ties, said Special Agent Leslie Espinoza of the McAllen Multi-Agency Drug Task Force.

After obtaining a search warrant and searching the drums, agents allowed them to be delivered to their intended destination — D and D Trailer Repair, 2200 West Chain of Rocks Road near Forest Park.

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Sports spotlight



Harry Briggs at the SIUE track

(Staff photo by JOHN SWISTAK JR.)

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News: Hearing aid helps local student.

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Annual track meet slated this Tuesday

The annual Madison County Track Meet for boys and girls, sponsored by regional school superintendents of schools Harry A. Briggs, will be held Tuesday at the Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville track.

In case of rain, Wednesday has been selected as the alternate date for the meet.

Competitions will begin at 3 p.m. and running events will begin at 3:30 p.m. There will be one girls' meet and one boys' meet. Events will be in three age divisions. In the past, the meet was broken up into the Red

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Twenty-five years ago

A cutback in production of A.O. Smith Corporation is partially due to the Teamsters Local 600 strike and partially to the seasonal slow-down prior to changeover of product lines for new models.



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LOCAL NEWS

Furloughed to fight

Released for two weeks, man is arrested for assault

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A Venice man sentenced to six years on a burglary conviction was given a two-week furlough earlier this month to settle his affairs.

Unfortunately, authorities said, one of those affairs apparently was an assault on one of the witnesses against him.

According to Venice police, Travon L. Watt, 23, was arrested at about 10:30 Wednesday evening after two officers attempting to assault the witness with a pair of leg shackles stolen from the police department earlier in the day.

Watt had been arrested earlier in the day on a public intoxication charge, but was released after the man was accused to press charges. While at the station, he

allegedly took the leg shackles and an engraving pen while officers were occupied with other matters.

Police said Friday that he had been charged with aggravated assault and theft.

On April 10, Watt pleaded guilty to burglary and was sentenced to six years in prison. However, he was given a two-week furlough to get his affairs in order. After turning himself in at the end of that week, he was given another week.

Sgt. Theo Adams of the Venice police department said Watt was scheduled to turn himself in again on Monday.

According to reports, at about 6 p.m. Watt was arrested for public intoxication but released after the witness declined to prosecute.

At approximately 9:02 p.m., police were dispatched to a fight in progress in the 300

block of Broadway. Officers saw Watt and the witness fighting. At the time, Watt struck the witness on the head with the shackles.

After seeing the police, he fled the scene.

At 10:25 p.m., police responded to a fight at the home of the witness. Officers observed the two fighting in the basement lounge.

Watt was in the basement, but was tackled by an officer. As Watt resisted, he was pepper-maced by another officer. According to reports, Watt was combative while being transported to the police department, and was in a mental hospital.

As of Thursday afternoon, Watt was still in custody at the Venice Police Department.

Watt's furloughed anger ended.

"The police department was very cooperative and released him on furlough," Adams said. "It gives defendants a chance to get back at victims and witnesses."

Woman charged with helping attack boy, 10

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A Venice woman wanted on an outstanding assault warrant is facing another assault charge after allegedly involving herself in a courthouse fight between her daughter and another child Thursday afternoon.

According to police, Angela M. Williams, 32, of the 1600 block of Klein Street, allegedly held down a 10-year-old boy while her two daughters beat him. Police said they were not seeking charges against the two girls.

Williams, who also had an outstanding assault warrant from St. Clair County, was in custody at the police department Friday morning.

According to police reports, the boy said he was walking in an alley in the 600 block of Jefferson about 3:30 p.m. when he was grabbed and beaten again. Thursday afternoon, as she arrived on the scene, she said the boy left.

Williams claimed she did not touch the boy, but refused to take a polygraph test.

Police discovered the outstanding warrant after learning Williams' full name.

going on, ordered the children to leave.

As the boy was leaving, Williams allegedly came up behind him and grabbed him by the neck, telling her daughters to beat him.

Witnesses broke up the fight, allowing the boy to escape.

Police investigating the incident reported the boy had abrasions on his neck. They also had several witnesses who reported the assault.

In a voluntary statement to police, Williams said one of her daughters and the boy were in a fight at school Wednesday night. She was told the two were fighting again Thursday afternoon. As she arrived on the scene, she said the boy left.

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Police discovered the outstanding warrant after learning Williams' full name.

Brown appearance to aid crisis center

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

When Denise Brown speaks at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville on April 29, officials of the Phoenix Crisis Center hope a lot of people are there to listen. The non-profit organization providing shelter, counseling and other services for battered women, is using Brown's visit as a much needed fund raiser.

Brown, who has helped found the Nicole Brown Simpson Foundation in honor of her mother, will be speaking about domestic violence and the needs on the family at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at the Vadalabene Center at SIUE.

"We are especially proud that Denise is coming to our aid on our 10th anniversary of providing services to victims," said Carol Lee Chiappa, director of the Phoenix Crisis Center. "She is a true role model of survival. The day of her speech will also mark the ending of the observation of National Crime Victims Rights Week."

Brown will also be introducing the "Hands are for Hitting" program.

The program is based on a pledge that a person's hand will not be used for violence, according to Chiappa.

"Until all of us know this, understand this, and practice this, none of us will be safe," she said. "Although this prevention program will initially be introduced to our children, it is a tool of enlightenment and prevention against violence."

Anna Schumacher, a volunteer at the center, said it needs funds desperately or the center may have to close.

"It's probably the most important fund raiser we ever had," she said. "When we met with Denise several months ago, she asked us 'what can I do to help?'

"Hughes' daughter is in desperate need of funds."

"It's like we're always hanging on by our fingernails," she said. "Several weeks ago our water heater was broken, and it was three weeks before we could get a new water heater. It's a really sad state of affairs."

Tickets are \$10 per person, or \$6 for students, and can be purchased at the Providence Wellness Center at 2103 Iowa St., Granite City, and Expressions J & M Designs, 18 E. Main St., Belleville.

Tickets will also be on sale at a fund raiser today, Sunday, from 11 a.m. until closing, at Crehan's Irish Pub, 6401 W. Main St., Belleville.

For information, contact the Phoenix Crisis Center at 451-1008.

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Staff writer

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Pontoon Beach agrees to help Khoury League

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The Pontoon Beach Village Board has agreed to provide up to \$2,600 to help purchase dirt for the Khoury League's ball fields, located on the intersection of Illinois 111 and Pontoon Road.

At an ad hoc meeting Tuesday, the board informally agreed to pay for the dirt. The actual vote will be taken at next Tuesday's meeting.

The money will be taken from the village's tourism fund. It will be used to pay for approximately 200 loads of dirt that will be used to prepare the league's three ball fields.

Tourism funds can be used for projects that attract visitors to the village. Tracy Bandy, league president, said money officials said they would have at least one tournament later in the year. That tournament would be

a week-long affair and would bring in visitors.

Bandy had requested some kind of help at last week's village board meeting. She had originally asked for help in obtaining about 400 loads of dirt, but the 200 would make the fields playable.

League play is scheduled to begin in early May. She said one field is completely finished.

The money will be used to purchase dirt at \$14 per load. The dirt is being hauled to the site free of charge by Gary Wright Truck Service.

Tracy Bandy Presswood said she could obtain free dirt, but the league would have to pay for the hauling, which would be far more expensive.

Village officials were enthusiastic about the project.

The only objection was from Mayor Glen Wilson, who questioned investing in fields that

were not owned by either the league or village.

The league has a three-year lease on property owned by Pontoon Beach Baptist Church. At the end of three years, the league has a one-year option to re-negotiate the lease.

"I think it's a great idea," Wilson said of the league. "If it belonged to the village, it would not be a big deal."

"I'm just a little leery about putting that much money into dirt if we can't get anything out of it in three years."

At this point, Trustee Irene Kriegholt pointed out that over three years, \$2,600 was not that much money.

That brings the amount of village support to the league to \$1,000. The board also approved \$4,500 for backstops. Bandy said about \$3,300 has been spent so far; the rest will be paid when the backstops are completed.

Taste for delicacy is mushrooming

The signs of spring for some people are not brightly colored tulips and daffodils but the wrinkled, brown surfaces of morel mushrooms. Morels are found only on the spongy, springtime floors of leaf-strewn wooded areas, morels are known for their musky, nutty flavor.

Morels are eaten raw or cooked in omelets and stews, morels are just about everybody's favorite fungus.

"I like them breaded and fried," said Jim Beasley, a fisherman from Edwardsville, who is selling jumbo-sized morels at his fish market for about \$15 a pound. "We whip up some egg and milk and roll them in mashed cracker crumbs. That's the way we like them best."

Beasley said his annual supply of mushrooms begins arriving about this time every year from local sources, and those who know where and when they can be found.

"Everybody has their own special spot to find them to hunt them, but they're the same kind of places," Beasley said. "On hillsides, they'll be around dead elms and ash trees. In the bottoms, around live oaks, morels are everywhere. I don't know why, but that's where they seem to be."

Hanburg mushroomer Randy Watters said he hasn't picked mushrooms so far this season, but not for lack of trying.

"I've been looking in the woods on south-facing hillsides around my home, but I haven't

been very lucky. I've been hearing of a few people who are beginning to find them, so I'd say they're just starting to come up."

Recent rain and warm weather are perfect conditions for mushroom cultivation, so Watters said he hopes to be able to cook up a pot of morels soon. "My whole family likes it when I flour them and fry them up."

Mushroom season typically lasts only a few weeks a year, but the fleshly fungus is so popular.

Beasley said Mother Nature often seems to go out of her way to make them hard to find. "When the grass is real tall, the season, the grass gets too tall, and it's harder to spot them," he said. "My two boys do real well, though. But there're 5 and 7, you know, so I guess they're closer to the ground and they can see them better."

Grafton fish market owner Oliver Ready said he just sold 18 pounds of morels that came from the Missouri River bottoms.

"The first bunches of the year usually get eaten," Ready said, laughing. "We should start getting in a lot of them now, if they found that many."

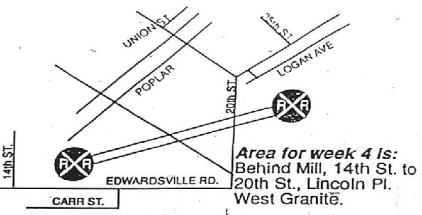
Morels can be found in the dark, light variety, he said, and both are just as good to eat. "They're all the same. I'm not a mushroom authority, but I know that much."

— From the Alton Telegraph

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Clyde Ripley

Clyde C. Ripley, 75, of Cocoa, Fla., formerly of Granite City and Murphysboro, died Monday, April 17, 1995, at Homes Regional Hospital, Melbourne, Fla. He was born Aug. 28, 1919, in Murphysboro.

A steel inspector with Granite City Steel prior to his retirement, he was a member of the Episcopal Church in Cocoa and served in Germany and France with the 70th Armored Infantry Battalion of the United States Army during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Jeannine (Easton) Ripley, whom he married Nov. 7, 1944, in Carbondale; one son, Michael Ripley of Granite City; two daughters, Linda Morris of Raytown, Mo., and Nancy Jackson of Cocoa; two brothers, Claude and Alvie Ripley, both of Murphysboro; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Flora (Stanton) Ripley.

Visitation is from 5 to 9 p.m. today, Sunday, April 23, and 7:30 to 11 a.m. Monday, April 24, with the Rev. James Eaton officiating.

Graveside services and burial will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, April 24, in Lake View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights.

Geralene Rollins

Geralene M. (Res) Rollins, 67, of Pontoon Beach, died at 1:03 p.m. Friday, April 14, 1995, at her residence, following a two-year illness. She was born Dec. 4, 1927, in Lebanon and had been a resident of Pontoon Beach for 12 years.

A school bus driver with Mayflower for many years prior to her retirement, she was a member of City Temple in Granite City.

Survivors include her husband, Fred Rollins, whom she married in 1960; one son, First Class Petty Officer Terry Alan Rollins, serving with the U.S. Navy; Sigarella, Sicily; two daughters, Sue Ann Archer and Marlene Phillips, both of Pontoon Beach; one brother, Andrew Res of Wichita, Kan.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ellsworth "Bud" and

Margaret (Baxley) Rea. Services were held Thursday at Werner Chapel for Funerals, Pontoon Beach, with the Rev. Mahon officiating. Burial was in O'Fallon City Cemetery, O'Fallon.

Dorothy Davis

Dorothy G. (Stack) Davis, 90, of Granite City, died at 1:10 p.m. Thursday, April 20, 1995, at Elizabeth Medical Center, following a four-month illness. She was born Jan. 9, 1905, in St. Louis and had been a resident of Granite City for 61 years.

A homemaker, she was a member of St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church in Granite City.

Survivors include her wife, Jeannine (Easton) Ripley, whom she married Nov. 7, 1944, in Carbondale; one son, Michael Ripley of Granite City; one daughter, Linda Morris of Raytown, Mo., and Nancy Jackson of Cocoa; two brothers, Claude and Alvie Ripley, both of Murphysboro; and nine grandchildren.

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Marie Klein

Marie C. (Carles) Klein, 85, of Granite City, died at 10:20 p.m. Thursday, April 20, 1995, at Elizabeth Medical Center, following a seven-year illness. She was born May 20, 1909, in Granite City, where she had been a lifelong resident.

A music teacher with Granite City School District 9 for 32 years prior to her retirement in 1971, she was a member of Niedringhaus United Methodist Church in Granite City, Bay View Reading Club and Granite Chapter 650 Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her husband, William Klein, whom she married June 1, 1931.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Lulu (Bois) Carles.

Memorials are from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City, where services are at 11 a.m. Monday with the Rev. Bruce Ristow officiating. Burial will be in Sun Hill Memorial Estates, East St. Louis.

Memorials are requested for Niedringhaus United Methodist Church.

Ruth Wheeler

Ruth A. Wheeler, 57, of Bellville, formerly of Granite City, died at 6:20 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, following a two-month illness. She was born Feb. 2, 1938, in Granite City and had been a resident of Collingsville since 1979.

An employment consultant with General Employment in St. Louis for four years, she was a member of First Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include her husband, William Jackson, whom she married April 15, 1968, in Granite City; one son, Rodney Bryan Jackson of Collingsville; one daughter, Colleen Schmisseur of Collingsville; her mother, Laura (Tanner) Sternberg of Granite City; seven sisters, Wanda Jackson of Granite City and Sheryl Ariana of Troy; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by

her father, Orville Sykes.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City, where services are at 1 p.m. Monday with the Rev. Mel Sorensen officiating. Burial will be in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County.

Memorials are requested for the American Cancer Society.

Edward Bowen

Edward F. "Bo" Bowen, 60, of Granite City, died at 1:25 a.m. Thursday, April 20, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He was born June 4, 1934, in East St. Louis.

Employed with U.S. Army Aviation and Troop Command for 31 years, he was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Granite City. In April 1993, he attended First Presbyterian Church in Granite City and was involved in area sports programs, serving as a softball, baseball and basketball official. He was a member of the Knights.

Survivors include his wife, William (Woodward) Bowen, whom he married June 2, 1962; two sons, Gerald E. Bowen of St. Louis and Michael E. Bowen of Granite City; his mother, Lucille (Logue) Bowen of O'Fallon; one brother, William "Bill" Bowen of Swansea; one sister, Lois Cappotelli of O'Fallon; and three grandsons.

As per Miss Wheeler's request, her remains were cremated. Memorial services are at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 23, at Mercer Mortuary, 1206 Niedringhaus Ave., Granite City.

Memorials are requested for the First Presbyterian Church Choir in Granite City.

Caroline Lux

Caroline M. (Halter) Lux, 90, of Gillespie, formerly of Granite City, died at 3:05 p.m. Thursday, April 20, 1995, at Carlinville Hospital, Carlinville.

Services were held at 4 p.m. today, Sunday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City, where services are at 1 p.m. Monday with the Rev. Bruce Ristow officiating. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery, Granite City.

Memorials are requested for Holy Family Catholic Church.

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THE VOICE BOX:

In the aftermath of the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City, what steps should our government take?

By SHIRLEY VALENCIA



Ronald Boring Granite City
"It is a shame and a disgrace for this to happen. There are safe ways to settle your fight with the government. I think the death sentence should be imposed when they are caught. The government should not slack on finding out who did it."



Tom Peck Granite City
"When the perpetrators are caught, they should be treated as the people they killed, trapped by that explosion."



Roy Willmiz Granite City
"When these people are found, and they will be, the maximum punishment under our legal system should be imposed fast and positive."



Paula Linville Granite City
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NEWS

Day-care providers fear food cuts

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

Child-care providers — and the parents who rely on them — are watching with keen interest the Senate debate over the Personal Responsibility Act.

The reason? One of the many food and nutrition programs at stake in cuts proposed by the Republican-controlled Senate is the Children's Food Program.

Through the program, day-care centers and licensed day-care homes are reimbursed for serving nutritious meals and snacks to the children they care for.

Linda Aldrich, who cares for five children in her Maryville home, said she may be forced to raise her rates if she can't be reimbursed for the food she

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Child Daycare Association

serves.

"I locked my rates in until October, so I might have to adjust it then," Aldrich said. "(The funding) helps out a lot."

Aldrich provides breakfast, lunch and a snack every day for each of the children ages 9 months to 3 years.

All of those meals must comply with minimum requirements established by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Sherry Williams, field coordinator for the Child

Daycare Association in Edwardsville, said that the loss of funds for the food program would have a "snowball effect" on day-care homes.

"Either parents will be able to come up with the extra money or they'll have to find day care somewhere else," Williams said. "That may mean they will opt for lesser quality day care."

Williams said that licensed day-care homes help not only the provider by giving them some credentials, but also help

parents to pick qualified individuals to care for their children.

"Licensing is a safety net," Williams said. "You get that extra set of eyes that can occasionally see things that you can't see. They are going and check on things like nutrition and sanitation. The food program is an incentive to licensure."

Williams said the loss of funding for the food program at day cares may ultimately cause some parents to resort to unlicensed day care. And she said it could be a "double-edged sword" for home day-care providers.

"Many home day-care providers do it in order to stay home with their own children," Williams said. "If they are forced back into a regular workplace, that would mean more children need of day care and less homes to provide it."

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OPINION

Aged, young count on each other

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Thursday's Press-Record, where several paragraphs were inadvertently truncated.

Next month, there will be a fourth — and last in this century — White House Conference on Aging.

The conference will deal with people of all ages.

Its theme is "The Generations Are Interdependent."

Illinoisans' proposals for the May 2-5 meeting in Washington include:

Fighting drug abuse by building children's self-esteem.

Funding health-screening and dental clinics for toddlers, elementary pupils and high-school students.

Guaranteeing that Social Security will still be paying benefits to the 2,500 conference delegates' grandchildren prepare to retire.

Although basically forums for discussion, the present White House conferences have had tangible results:

In 1961, the theme was "The Nation and Its Older People."

More than 2,000 delegates made 947 recommendations. Their work contributed to later passage of such landmark legislation as Medicare, Medicaid and the Older Americans Act of 1965.

In 1971, the theme was "Toward a National Policy on Aging."

Delegates numbering 3,574 produced 710 recommendations, leading to laws enabling Supplemental Security Income benefits, the Older Americans Nutrition Program, Home Care, the National Institute of Aging and the House Select Committee on Aging.

In 1981, 1,800 participated and developed 663 recommendations. Their efforts contributed to the Social Security Reform amendments of 1983.



Bill Winter

Regarding the 1995 conference, President Bill Clinton says: "An older America must soon face a new century. The conference will allow us to plan together to challenge by working together to build policy recommendations for the 21st century. We owe this to future generations."

Planners note that the linking of government programs is not being done solely because senior citizens wish the best for their children and grandchildren. There also is the realization that, for example, drug abuse by teenagers and young adults generates crime that endangers older people.

Conversely, would maintenance of existing Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid

programs be so costly that it endangers the level of benefits available to future generations?

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Gardens for Kids

Here's some info on what's hot and what's not

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Last year in this column, you may remember, we talked about children's gardening and all the rewards it can offer. We have more on the subject. If you'd like to get your child started with a garden of his or her very own, the National Garden Bureau has some excellent ideas.

First, a child's garden should be the way the child wants it. The rows don't necessarily have to be even and straight. You need some plants, not a lot, though, of what should go where. Let the child do it his or her way for the most part and the enthusiasm for the project will be kept high.

Above all, let the kids plant what they want to. Naturally, each child is different, but the National Garden Bureau has done some research on the subject and came up with some universal favorites among children. They reported their findings in the March, 1995 newsletter, and we'd like to pass them along.

Carrots are definitely a favorite with children. Although nobody really seems certain exactly why, stories like Peter Rabbit may have something to do with it. This may explain the fact that many kids don't mind if their carrot crop gets shared with neighborhood rodents.

Corn is another veggie that ranks high on the popularity list. One corn plant will produce only 1 or 2 ears, so plan for that. And since corn grows so tall, it should be planted on the north side of the garden so it doesn't shade other plants.

Children may not consider a pumpkin a vegetable, but they love to grow them. A child growing his or her own pumpkin and carving it up for Halloween is an experience, indeed. At the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's Children's Garden, they have an "adopt-a-pumpkin" program where kids get to grow and check their pumpkins. They like to see who can grow the biggest.

Here's one that may come as a surprise. Many kids like peppers. Sweet peppers, that is, definitely not the hot ones. Most kids don't like

fiery cuisine, and besides, if they handle hot peppers and rub their eyes, it can really cause some pain.

Any more surprises as to what's popular with children in a garden? Oh, herbs and broccoli. Many children consider a "neat plant to grow" for a number of reasons, younger children like the touch and smell of herbs, and broccoli looks like little trees.

Veggies with colors that are out of the ordinary are also popular, such as red beets, yellow watermelon, purple beans and the like.

As for spinach, the answer is what you'd expect, and that's generally a no. Someone tried placing a picture of Popeye next to some spinach, but all they got was a laugh. Generally, the kids aren't wild about it. Swiss Chard falls into the same category.

You should always keep in mind that weeding is a chore that's probably overlooked by the kids. They don't like to do it. Most adults don't think too highly of it either, but if the kids are forced to do the weeding, interest will wane rapidly. The solution? Try companion planting. Plant masses of herbs in the gaps between the other crops. You'll not only get something to show for your efforts, you'll eliminate most of the weeds.

So, now that you're armed with all these dos and don'ts, why not let your child have a go at gardening? It's a fun and educational pastime.

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African presentation — Dr. Alice Purdes, chair of the Language Arts Department at Venice Lincoln Technical School, holds a spear from Swaziland that is part of her collection of African memorabilia. Purdes gave a presentation in February as part of a program during Black History Month.

Scholarship applications open

Mitchell School Parent-Teacher Association is accepting applications through April 28 from Granite City High School graduating seniors who wish to receive the \$200 Laurabeth Wittkamp Award. Only five students may have attended Mitchell School one or more years. Academic achievement and financial need will be considered in selecting the recipient.

Seniors interested in applying may pick up an application form in the guidance office at Granite City High School or in the office at Mitchell. Applications will be reviewed and the recipient will be notified. The award will be presented at the high school senior awards night.



Young farmers — Students were given the opportunity to see farm animals and learn a little about farm life when the Young Farmers from the Madison County Farm Bureau recently visited Prather School. Shown are Chris Speer's kindergarten students viewing the animals.

friendly Agers meeting Tuesday

Bob Lewis, president of the friendly Agers, invites all senior citizens 50 and over to attend its monthly meeting at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 25, at Second Baptist Church, 2100 Illinois Ave. in Granite City. A covered-dish meal will be served. For more information, call 626-4952.



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In the classroom

Southern Illinois U. Five faculty members and 107 students from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville were inducted into Phi Kappa Phi.

The national society honors students from all departments of the university who meet the requirements of superior scholarship and good character. The SIEU chapter, one of 100 chapters in 23 states, 42 seniors and 42 graduate students.

The society also honors a limited number of faculty who have excelled in their fields of endeavor. Inducted this year are Arthur J. Bruckmann, chairman of the department of physics; Charles A. Corr, professor of philosophical studies; Francis O. Odeemer, assistant professor of history; William A. Smith, associate professor of biological sciences; and David I. Steinberg, acting dean of the School of Sciences. The SIEU chapter was founded in 1966 and one of 11 chapters in Illinois. The society has chapters at 272 colleges and universities, with a membership of 50,000 scholars.

SIEU President Nancy Belch was the keynote speaker at the induction ceremony, which included the presentation of a life membership award to Professor Lynn Kluh, chairman of the department of theater and drama, and the head of Fine Arts and Communications, who is retiring in August after 30 years with the university.

Belch urged the scholars to "lend a helping hand to others." She said that many individuals who fall short of their potential because of some conceivable inadequacy, such as low self-esteem.

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Granite City — Erik Lewis and James Smalley.

Illinois State

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Sanford Brown

Kimberly Speer, daughter of John and Pat Sannes of Granite City, is on the dean's list and honor roll at Sanford Brown College in Hazelwood. She is attending the occupation of supply assistant and will graduate in July 1996. She is currently employed by St. Elizabeth Medical Center as a certified nurses aide.

Westminster College

Anna M. Pieper, a senior at Granite City High School, has been selected to receive a \$1,000 Scholarship to attend Westminster College. Pieper is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan J. Pieper of Granite City.

Viewed for the first year for the scholarship, the President's Scholarship is one of four major academic awards made to incoming freshmen at this 143-year-old private arts college for men and women.

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must demonstrate high academic ability by being one of the top percent nationwide on the standardized college entrance exams. The scholarship is renewable provided the student continues to demonstrate high academic ability.

Westminster has an enrollment of 700 full-time residential students representing more than 30 years. The college enjoys a distinguished reputation as one of its degree programs and faculty have been selected as one of "America's Best College Buys" by Money Guide.

Recognized nationwide for its quality academic programs and its life-style, Westminster often hosts world political and business leaders. Past speakers include Sir Winston Churchill, who delivered his famous "Iron Curtain" speech at the college; Mikhail Gorbachev; Madeleine Albright; Henry Bloch and presidents Ronald Reagan, Gerald Ford, Harry S. Truman and George Bush.

McKendree College

Tina Scaturo accompanied another McKendree College student to San Diego for a presentation at a conference sponsored by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA).

The three co-presented a workshop session on the topic of campus community. Special focus was directed at the value to students of having a sense of having identity with the college in participating in the life of the institution in meaningful ways and in establishing membership with a peer group which appreciates the diversity that exists within the larger campus population.

NASPA membership consists of student affairs specialists, deans, vice presidents and presidents from colleges and universities throughout the United States. In addition, there are both student affiliate and international membership categories.

The conference was held from March 22 through March 26 and nearly 3,000 delegates enjoyed the weather and activities in sunny California.

Scaturo is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scaturo of Granite City.

Illinois College

Brent Tracy, a junior at Granite City High School, was one of 11 high school juniors who attended an open house March 6 on the campus of Illinois College in Jacksonville.

Tracy resides in Granite City.

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In the military

Christopher Trudeau

Christopher R. Trudeau, son of Helia Grider of Granite City, has enlisted in the Air Force Delayed Enlistment Program.

Trudeau, a 1995 graduate of Granite City High School, is set to begin enlistment in the regular Air Force on Aug. 10.

Upon graduation from Air Force's six-week basic training course at Lackland Air Force Base, near San Antonio, Texas, Trudeau is scheduled to receive technical training in the general aptitude career field.

Trudeau will be earning credits toward an associate degree in applied sciences through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training schools.

David Clark

Navy Chief Petty Officer David A. Clark, son of Glenn Clark of Granite City, has returned from a six-month deployment to the Red Sea and Persian Gulf aboard the guided missile frigate USS John L. Hall.

Clark is one of 300 sailors aboard the ship who descended Passama, Miss., for the six-month journey, which included crossing the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea. Clark then traveled through the Suez Canal into the Red Sea and Persian Gulf.

In the Red Sea and Persian Gulf, Clark worked helping enforce the international embargo against Iraq by intercepting ships suspected of transporting prohibited material to and from Iraq. The ship's crew boarded and searched several ships in the Northern Persian Gulf, violating the embargo and checked their paperwork.

Traveling more than 30,000 miles, Clark spent the majority of time at sea but also visited Spain, France, Israel, Eritrea, Massawa and Djibouti. While in Eritrea, more than 300 children attended three free times to help repaint a local children's school and to restore electrical power to a nearby hospital.

The 1977 graduate of Granite City High School joined the Navy in January 1982.

Ernest Baker Jr.

Marine Corporal Ernest Lee Baker Jr. of Granite City recently completed a six-month Mediterranean float on the USS Harlan County LST 1196. The deployment lasted from May 21 to Nov. 15, 1994.

While overseas, he was promoted to the rank of corporal and received three ribbons for Good Conduct, Marine Expeditionary Unit and Sea Service Deployment.

The countries toured included England, France, Tunisia, Spain, Italy, Morocco, Greece, Somalia, Israel, Sicily, Kenya and Turkey.

Stand-by and alert readiness was the main purpose of this float.

He also participated in the 50-year anniversary of the Invasion of Normandy, France.

Baker's four-year enlistment in the Marine Corps will end this November.

Applications open for Head Start

Head Start is now accepting applications for the 1995-96 school year. Head Start is a free, child development preschool program for children from low-income families who will be 3 years old, but not yet eligible for kindergarten, by Sept. 1, 1995.

Head Start is a comprehensive program serving the whole family, giving parents a chance to become involved in their children's learning and help make family life a little easier.

Please contact the Head Start center closest to you to set an appointment. To apply, you must bring proof of income, proof of child's age, and a parent's and child's Social Security number.

Head Start offices are:

Granite City Head Start, 2100 Edison St., Granite City, Ill. 62040; 877-2102; Venice Head Start, 502 Broadway, Venice, Ill. 62090; 877-2097.

Pontoon Beach Head Start, 4000 Highway 111, Pontoon Beach, Ill. 62040; 797-1547.

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Memorial's Mental Health and Counseling Services building, located northeast of the hospital's main entrance.



Poster winner — John Lance, a fifth-grade student in Kathy Lorden's class at Wilson Elementary School in Granite City, won the fifth grade honorable mention in the Radon Poster Contest 1994, sponsored by the Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety (IDNS) and the American Lung Association (ALA). His poster will appear in the IDNS 1995-96 "Radon, Naturally Excited" 18-month calendar and will be displayed at the IDNS contest at the 1995 Illinois State Fair. He will receive a radon T-shirt for his achievement.

Milestones

Scott Valicoff celebrates his fifth birthday today, April 23.

Melissa K. Milton will celebrate her 10th birthday April 24. Rick Hildreth will celebrate his birthday April 25.

Marlee Gunderson will celebrate her first birthday April 25.

Kathy Schmidtke will celebrate her birthday April 26.

Donna (Lindner) May will celebrate her 40th birthday April 26.

Ed Hoover will celebrate his 29th birthday April 27.

Lonnie Turner will celebrate his birthday April 27.

Steven Wright will celebrate his sixth birthday April 29.

Thomas Schiller will celebrate his 80th birthday April 29.

Steve Laub will celebrate his 36th birthday April 29.

Angela Kaye McMasters will celebrate her birthday April 29.

For a mention in the milestones listings, send a postcard with the person's name, date of celebration, telephone number to: **MILESTONES**, Granite City Press-Record/Journal, 1816 Delmar Ave., Granite City, Ill. 62040.

FAMILY

Services dedicated to seniors



Lucille Martin

Lucille Martin covers the Pontoon Beach scene for the Press-Record Journal. She can be contacted at 931-0731.

On March 26, Pastor Alan Shires of the First General Baptist Church dedicated the morning church services to the senior members. A red rose bud was presented to each senior by Carol Tamm.

Lillie Graf, church reporter, was presented a plaque in appreciation of the many years of writing for the General Baptist Journal and the magazine.

Copies of her work were displayed. A poem describing Graf's life was written by Helen Nance and given to her.

Members of the Twilight Class present were Edith Hill, Mildred Rippy, Estelle Smith, Madge and Al Lang, Bessie Phillips, Wayman and Margorie Austin, Jenny Price and Helen Schubert. Their class teacher, One member, Ann Schubert, was unable to attend.

Georgia Lee Tompkins of Pontoon Beach has entered another national poetry contest and received a letter stating that she is in the semifinals. The song she wrote is going to be printed in a book called *East of the Sun*.

the Sunrise. Her other song, "Vietnam," has already been published in the book.

The people of Pontoon Beach are forming a little league baseball and softball for the children in the area. The league is a not-for-profit organization and part of the George Khoury League of St. Louis.

Pontoon Beach Khoury League will hold a raffle to raise money for its fields. They will be raffling off authentic baseball collectibles — two baseballs, one signed by Ozzie Smith, and one ball cap signed by McBride. The raffle tickets are \$1 each and the winners will be drawn on May 30. Anyone interested in buying a ticket can contact Dee at 797-2328 or Don at 797-2499. People of Pontoon Beach

Khoury are also looking for any donations of new and used equipment and uniforms. Anyone wishing to donate should contact Dee at the above number.

The leaders would like to thank the people who have donated their time and equipment that have gotten them where they are today.

The World Mission Conference, sponsored by the Illinois County Baptist Association and River Bluff Baptist Association, will be held from May 7 through 14.

Special event dates are Mission Raffle Day at 7 p.m. May 8 at First Baptist Church in Maryville. Charles Chaney will be the speaker. There will be prayer breakfasts on May 8 and 11. The annual fair will be held from noon to 3 p.m. May 13 at the Baptist Center.

Missionaries for these conferences are Cynthia Freese, South Branch, Ray Bell, Benji, Nancy Addison, Hong Kong; Terry Moncrief, Atlanta, Ga.; Wagil Giris, Michigan; Steve Aubuchon, St. Louis; Charles Pitts, Minnesota; Jim Crowe, Decatur, and Eric Arnal, Bloomington.

Beckley receives college scholarship

Nicole Beckley, a senior at Granite City High School and daughter of Nancy Kaiser of Granite City and Paul Beckley, has been awarded a divisional scholarship to attend Doane College.

This academic award was granted following a personal interview held on campus in February. Faculty members from all disciplines of education, social science, natural science, math and computer science, humanities, communication and business participated in the event.

Beckley received the Education Divisional Scholarship and Teacher Achievement Award.

Founded in 1872, Doane is a four-year comprehensive college with campuses in Lincoln and Crete, Neb. It offers a broad arts education. More than 1,390 students are enrolled at Doane's Crete and Lincoln campuses in Nebraska. The editors of *Money Magazine* recently cited Doane as one of the best college buys in the Midwest.



Students of Month — Eighth-grade Student of the Month for January at Coolidge Junior-High School is Rebecca Sawyer, left, daughter of Kenneth and Hae Sun Sawyer; seventh-grade Student of the Month for January is Emily Vance, daughter of David and Janet Vance.

The Student of the Month program was designed to honor those students who demonstrate exemplary conduct in the following areas: academics, behavior, attendance, citizenship and school pride. Each teacher is asked to nominate one seventh-grade student and one eighth-grade student.

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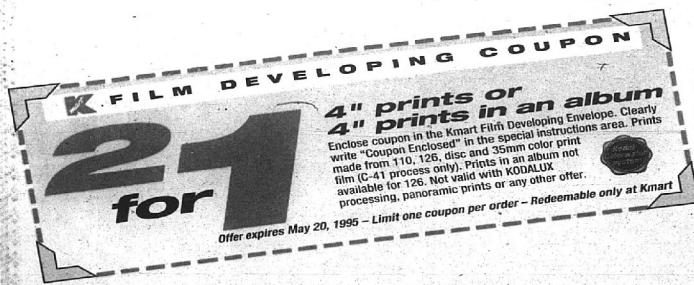
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FAMILY

Saints Alive members enjoy trip to Springfield

Maxine Green covers the Granite City and Nameoki Township area for the Press-Register. She can be contacted at 321-6261.

The Better Breathers' Club met recently in the Wiesman Room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Dr. Alan Gold, an allergist, spoke on asthma and other allergies and ways of treating and curing them.

Carol Smith, coordinator, introduced the speaker and later turned the microphone over to Susie Horton, president, who proceeded with the new business of electing officers. They officers are: Kenny Lee, vice president; Susie Smith, treasurer; Maxine Green, secretary; and Susie Horton, president. All were voted on and elected.

Leigh was served to Marshall and Freddy McElroy, Fred and Helen Boyer, Ellen Kneekstedt, Mary Margaret King, Pearl Kamadulski, Elsie Maylath, Mary Maylath, Jack and Ruth St. James, Noni Susie Horton, Kenneth and Dottie Lane, Kenneth and Rosella Fuller, Mary Mize, Robby and Ronny Harper, Bill Uls, Dave Shepard, Maxine Green and Carol Smith.

Avon representatives held the campaign 10 sales meeting on April 11 at the Avon office on East Avenue. Avon President Club members are Audrey Fritzen, Patty Nickaelson, Patty Miles, Eva Spangler and Jo Richardson. New honoree society members are: Linda Hoyer, Lois Hoy and Eula McKee. Sandra Hamilton joined the ranks of new rose circle with \$30,000 in sales.

Winners of the C B POP sweepstakes are Shirley Barton, Michelle Eads and Melvin Byrd. The door prize was won by Lois Hoy. Fifty-five drawings were won by Karen Wachman, Ruth Ray, Linda Nau, Sophie Bero, Norma DeVault and Carolyn Allen. The car pool drawing was won by Rose Doolin and Ross Lux.

Others attending were Carol Gilland, Winnie Pointer, Donna Johnson, Chloe Denny, Jewel Ninnos, Brenda Hacker, Eileen Davis, Lillian Ruege, Monica Swayze, Julie Lovell, Linda Miller, Sue Elmholt, Rhonda Pointer, Mickey Strack, Kara Wampler, Connie Chonister, Lisa Buhlinger, Patty Miles, Gertie Clark, Clarine Conner, Nedra Johnson, Carol White, Melinda Duniphan, Gladys Templeman, Janice Watson, Michelle Singleton, Tommie Myers, Rosemary Ralston, Argelia Arringer, Judi Ripley, Iola Voyles, Eula McKee, Mary K. Grand, Gertie Ashford, Mark Myers, Jennifer Hannons, Eva Spangler, Julie Hutton, Elaine St. James and Ruth Barton.

The president's luncheon will be held May 19 at the Collinsville Holiday Inn.

The seventh annual golf classic for Magna 55 members (only) is planned for 8 a.m.—Thursday, June 8. It will be a shotgun start. Entry deadline is May 15 to contact Club Magna 55 in Belleville.

On Thursday, April 13, the Saints Alive group of the Madison County Baptist Association enjoyed a field trip to Springfield. The group visited the Lincoln Home in town and the homes in a four-block area.

Annual meeting of HEA Monday

The April 11 meeting of the Granite City Unit Homemakers Extension Association was opened by Sophia Thomas giving the invocation. After the invocation, a sero luncheon was hosted by Ann Allison and Ann Guilander, who was a guest due to the illness of Elizabeth Edwards. Guilander submitted a report for her. She is Edwards' sister and belongs to the Jerseyville Unit HEA.

After the luncheon, Guilander and Allison gave the lesson on "Casseroles, Cooking and Garnishment," which went along with the luncheon.

Mary Ealyne Yencho, district president, talked about the district meeting, which will be held May 19.

This meeting will be hosted by the Tri Unit. The meeting will be held at Hope Lutheran Church. Following the meeting, a trip to the Missouri Botanical Garden will be taken.

Barbara Rogers, first vice president, thanked the hostesses for the luncheon and the lesson. She announced that the new hostesses will be Betty Goldasich, Helen Harshany and Phyllis Brusatti. The lesson, "Checking Out Fat Substitutes," will be given by Brusatti and Mary Radick.

LaNell Lescog, second vice president, talked about the victory tea to be given on May 8 in Edwardsburg. There will be new members and their sponsors.

Marie Thebeau, president, talked about the annual meeting to be held at Eden Church of Christ in Edwardsburg on April 24.



Maxine Green

that have been restored or being restored. They also looked at some of the memorials of the Vietnam War, near Mr. Lincoln's home and visited Lincoln's Tomb and went through it.

On the way to New Salem, the

group ate at the River Ridge Restaurant. They visited the new visitors center in New Salem, saw film on the life of Lincoln's life and visited all the old homes.

On the way home, the group stopped at McDonald's to rest and Brian Smith drove the van from the Second Baptist Church.

The group was made up of Hassie Jones, Louise Gartley, Eva Boyer, Noni Sartrey, Gertie Sullivan, Lois Patterson, Glen and Phyllis Knight, Virgil and Alice Stogdill, Vera Kirkpatrick and Dr. Elwin Wilkinson, coordinator.

There will be an associational vacation Bible school clinic beginning at 7 p.m. May 1 in the Suburban Baptist Church, 2500 St. Clair Ave. in Granite City.

Vickie Harper is recuperating at home after spending two weeks in the hospital. She wishes to thank all her friends and family that have been so very Little League Club, Second Baptist Church members and the Family Worship Prayer Group, who visited her and sent her cards and flowers.

Science, health lecture April 30

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the publishing of the Christian Science textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy. To commemorate this event, special lectures to acquaint the public with the power of prayer are being given throughout the world. It is a book for everyone, not just for Christian Scientists.

The members of the Granite City Church rarely invite everyone out to the church. Services are titled "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Ruth Elizabeth Jenks, C.S.B. of Chicago. Jenks is a member of the Christian Science Board of Lecture in Boston. The lecture will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30, in the church edifice, 2560 Delmar Ave., in Granite City.

More than eight million copies of this book, which has a proven record of helping people to health and quality of life, have been sold. A special edition is being offered in retail stores and Christian Science reading rooms to meet the increased interest in spirituality. The local reading room is located in the lower level of the church.

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BASEBALL

DeSmet pitcher shuts down GCHS.

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Free-throw rule to quicken games

Seems like everything should be fast these days — or at least faster. High school basketball games are expected to move at a better pace now because of limited conferences and batters required to keep a foot on the batter's box for a free-throw game just might end sooner due to a National High School Federation rule that conforms with one on the collegiate level.

REMEMBER THOSE thrilling final seconds of games when players would make intentional fouls look unintentional so that the opposing team had to prove they had control on one-and-one free-throw opportunities?

Beginning next season, the prep will do the controlling in a foul, players will receive two free throws.

Thus, when a team has a comfortable lead that even a few free throws might not threaten you and I should be able to reach for our coats and consider an exit.

That does not mean, though, that everyone is in agreement with the change.

I asked Okawville High coach Dave Luechtefeld last season if he thought the collegiate two-and-one rule would be good for the high school game, and he indicated otherwise.

"I kind of like it if the way it is," said Luechtefeld, who was recognized recently as a coach in the Illinois High School All-American Classic. "It does make you make the free throw."

Sorry, coach. This spectator is tired of waiting for the game to begin that too often is followed by flung 3-pointers, especially when a game is out of reach. I've witnessed few comebacks related to the foul and one.

Of course, if free-throw shooting does not improve, getting an automatic opportunity for two free throws may make little difference. Wait until next year goes apply in this case.

OVERTIME: Of rules changes in other sports, the National Federation of High Schools OK for instant grounding by quarterbacks in prep football games — a matter again adopted after the rule was adopted by the pro and college levels.

This rule takes pressure off officials who had to decide if a quarterback was spiking the ball to stop the clock.

Of course, changes, one rule most pleasing that will not take effect until 1999 puts an end to cut-off jerseys.

The new rule permits jerseys that feature the top of the pants to be left hanging out while any top that hangs lower than the waistline must be tucked in.

FOOTNOTE: While Josh Toal of Waterloo Hulbert deserved the *Journal's* Class A boys basketball Player of the Year honor, Hawks fans never will forget the '94-'95 season in recalled.

That's Jon Houghland, whose 3-pointer with seven seconds to play and then a layup at the buzzer sent Granite City Marissa 57-56 to the regional title.

Prior to his baskets, benchwarmer Houghland had scored 16 points all season.

Lady Warrior soccer

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Kara Gammie.....	6	7	21
Adrienne Montgomery.....	5	0	12
Carrie Simpson.....	5	1	11
Carrie Costello.....	4	1	9
Kelly Womack.....	4	0	8
Jamison Mohsen.....	4	0	8
Jennifer Splingard.....	4	0	8
Taylor Tammie.....	1	4	5
Holly Tammie.....	1	4	5
Rose Simpson.....	2	2	6
Amy Hendrie.....	2	0	4
Stephanie Kennedy.....	2	0	4
Tonya Genovese.....	1	0	2
Jamie Delbringer.....	1	0	2
Carrie Costello.....	1	0	2
Kelly Thomas.....	0	1	0
Fryh Ellis.....	0	0	0
Amber Nitzschke.....	0	0	0
Penny Krisher.....	0	0	0
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Marcie Holzinger, 6 shutouts, 9 goals allowed; Shannon Roth, 3 shutouts, 9 goals allowed			

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Section B

BASEBALL
Warriors close Round-Robin tourney.

Wednesday



Talley, GCHS rally past Rams
Five-run fifth keys 5-4 tourney win over Mt. Vernon

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

After losing five of its past six games, the Granite City baseball team ended a week full of frustration Friday night with a victory over Mount Vernon at Varsity Field.

The Warriors, coming off two straight losses, including their first in the Southwestern Conference, finally changed their fortunes Friday. The Warriors erased a 4-0 deficit with five runs in the fifth inning and went on to defeat the Rams in the opening round of the Granite City Round-Robin Tournament.

Starting pitcher Jason Talley, who worked into the top of the fifth, keyed Granite City's rally with a two-out, two-run double in the bottom of the inning. With the bases loaded and the Rams ahead 4-2, Talley doubled home the lead to tie the game and give the Warriors new life.

THE RAMS LOOKED to get out of the inning without further damage when Jason Wood followed with a grounder to shortstop Scott Williams. But Williams threw the mishandled ball to first baseman Brian Bernick, heading Brian Lloyd to score and make it 5-4.

Senior reliever Matt DeRienzo pitched the mound to begin the sixth and pitched the final two innings for a save, and the Warriors broke a two-game losing streak to improve to 10-6. The Rams dropped to 3-3.

Granite City assistant coach Daren DePew, filling in for head coach Gus Ligoun, said he was impressed with the Warriors' comeback after Thursday's 7-6 SWC loss at Collinsville.

"We showed some enthusiasm," DePew said. "We were in a tough ballgame last night and tonight we came out on top. This (See WARRIORS, Page 2B)

to the mound to begin the sixth and pitched the final two innings for a save, and the Warriors broke a two-game losing streak to improve to 10-6. The Rams dropped to 3-3.

The Kahoks outlast GCHS 7-6 in SWC showdown



Brian Etherton makes the turn during a recent game.

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

The Collingsville Kahoks overcame Granite City with a four-run fifth inning and took over the Southwestern Conference lead in Thursday's 7-6 victory over the Warriors at Fletcher Field.

The Kahoks, who fell behind 4-1 after a four-run second inning by the Warriors, rallied for two runs in the third and completed their comeback in the fifth on the strength of a two-run, two-out double by Mike DeLise, Collingsville starter J.T.

Kuehnel Nemeth

Thomas survived back-to-back home runs by Sean Kuehnel and Scott Nemeth in the second and improved to 2-0 on the year.

In a battle between the two

final unbeaten teams in the SWC, the Kahoks came out on top and improved to 4-0 and 12-2 overall. Granite City dropped to 3-1, 9-6.

IT WAS THE ninth straight win for the Kahoks, who stayed perfect in the SWC with a key win over Conference champion.

"It's nice," Collingsville coach Steve McFall said. "It was nice because we had to come from behind to get it."

"(Granite City) is a very good team and we knew that I was

(See SWC, Page 2B)

West netters sweep GCHS

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

Once again, the Belleville bug bit the Granite City tennis team. But this time the Warriors or coach Allen Luddell would have it any other way.

Granite City lost 9-0 to Belleville West on Wednesday, but several of the matches were very close.

THE SCORE JUST doesn't indicate how close that match was, Luddell said. "We had three matches go to three sets, and three other sets were decided by tiebreakers. It was a lopsided score, but the matches were tough."

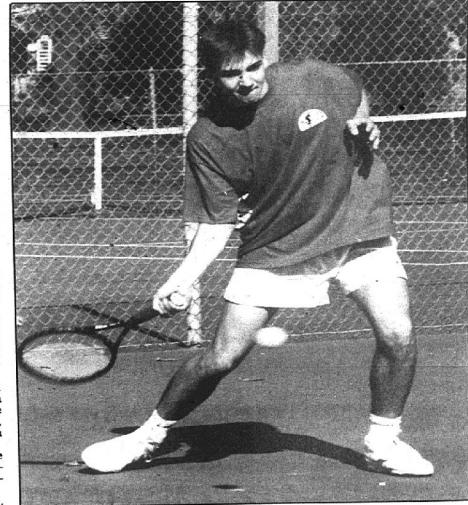
Finally, on the Warriors' side, appeared to be ready for an upset. GCHS won the first set in two of the singles matches, and split the first two sets in another.

"I was thinking we might even be on track for taking the match 5-4," Luddell said. "But they are a very tough, very deep team, and they came back and won them all."

Granite City fell to 3-3 on the season after winning two matches by a combined 17-1 score earlier in the week.

The Rams pounded East St. Louis 9-0 Tuesday, after defeating Cahokia 8-1.

(See GCHS, Page 2B)



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Granite City's Joe Markele returns a shot.

SIUE to showcase county track meet

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

The Madison County Track Meet has found a new home this year, but the event's high level of competition figures to remain the same when the area's top teams meet Tuesday at SIUE in Edwardsville.

The county meet, which has been held at Collingsville High School over the past three years, has been moved to SIUE's recently constructed \$5 million, all-weather track. Meet officials hope to showcase the area's top athletes at SIUE, which hosted the track portion of last summer's State Olympics, and has been home to several high school sports events over the past year.

"We're happy to be there," said SIUE track director Harry Briggs, the Madison County regional superintendent of schools. "We hope it's as good as it has been in the past. Our attempt this year in using SIUE's track and field is to bring all of the schools into what we consider the premier track in the area."

THE MEET has featured competition among the area's top boys and girls track teams over the past 20 years. This

year's meet host is Highland, and the field includes Alton, Collinsville, Granite City, Bethalto Civic Memorial, East Alton-Wood River, Roxana, Madison, Venice, Metro East Lutheran and Triad. The field size has moved to 12, the format has also changed. Boys and girls teams will be paired in just one division after competing separately at large and small schools over the past few years. Large schools previously competed in the Red Division, and small schools made up the Green Division.

For several years, the county meet was held at two different sites. Over the past three years, the meet has been held at Collingsville, where events had to run for hours because of the four different divisions of competition.

"We did that for various reasons," Briggs said. "The change in format, I hope, next year is to bring it back to a large school and small school meet. We've been limited in past years because there weren't that many all-weather tracks."

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Incarnate, Shootout next test for GCHS

By Steve Salem
Staff writer

The third annual St. Dominic Howell North Shootout, featuring some of the best girls soccer teams in the St. Louis area, kicks off Saturday with games at both St. Charles County schools.

St. Dominic coach Les Hager and Howell North coach Dan Hogan are the Shootout coordinators and there has been much anticipation heading into the tournament.

"The teams love to play in the tournament because they know they will get three good games," Hager said.

THE PLAYERS and coaches are very excited, Hager said. "There's a lot of speculation. The coaches want to see these matchups. They get to see lots of the top teams and players. There's a lot of speculation in local polls and this tournament settles the speculation out on the playing

field." Hazelwood Central and Howell North are both ranked nationally in the latest USA Today Umbro poll. Hazelwood Central is ranked fifth, while Howell North occupies the No. 10 position.

Hager said the tough competition in the Shootout will give a reliable indication of how a team will perform in state tournament play.

"If you make it to the semifinals here, you feel like there's a decent chance to get to state and make some noise," Hager said.



(Staff photo by T.W. MILLER)

Carrie Simpson (right) and the Lady Warriors will face Incarnate Word for the second time this season Monday night at Howell North High School.

SPORTS

DeSmet ace stymies Warriors 4-2

By Andy Fales
Correspondent

Winning is never easy when the opposition always seems to turn up as one of the area's "teams to beat."

Perhaps no one knows that better than Granite City baseball coach Gus Ligone, whose team has to travel to DeSmet to visit the DeSmet Spartans, 4-2, on Wednesday.

The story line could be rather simple: the Warriors grabbed an early 1-0 lead, and then ran into Captain Hook.

DESMET JUNIOR Jim Gissi stumbled a bit early but then hit his stride and was hitting a very consistent cruise through the GCCHS order time and again en route to a six-strikeout, two-run complete game.

In short, the Spartans, said coach Greg Vitello, knew they were up against a very well-rounded team and knew therefore that they would need to exploit whatever quirks they might have.

"I was excited just to have the opportunity to come over here and play these guys," Vitello said. "I feel like we beat very

good team — we knew we had to show a lot of discipline against them, play a tight game ourselves and wait for them to make a first mistake."

"I was a little worried because they're the type of club, year in and year out, that can beat you even when you're totally on your game."

VITELLO'S FEARS turned to reality on the third pitch of the game, when speedy leadoff man Brian Lloyd of DeSmet's first base coach Kenny Lariman's throw to first for an infield single. Jon Reader promptly laid down a sacrifice bunt to move Lloyd to second, and two batters later Lloyd scored on Jason Wood's single to left.

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He saw no more than four Granite City batters in each successive inning, and the seventh in the third, fourth and in the sixth would be all the cushion he needed for the win.

"Gissi kept us on strike a lot of out with that pitch," Ligone said. "In high school baseball, if you can throw two pitches for strikes and change speeds a little, you're going to be successful... and he was."

"I THOUGHT HE showed a lot of poise on the mound tonight," Vitello said. "Polson was the best thing he's ever faced in last season as a sophomore, but I think we come with time, and has."

While Gissi walked off with the win, junior pitcher Mike Nieper, unable to duplicate his 2-0 masterpiece to Scott Nemeth and then watched over his left shoulder as the ball soared over right fielder Scott Elder's head. Nemeth slid into third with a triple, and Gissi seemed poised to add to his lead.

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(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Granite City second baseman Greg Sturdvant glove a throw at first base during last week's game against Cahokia.

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very pleased with our kids because they didn't quit."

After taking a 1-0 lead in the first inning, Collinsville erased a deficit of 4-1 and 5-2 to capture the lead for good in the bottom of the fifth. The Kahoks went ahead 7-5 on DeLisle's double, and after Granite City cut the lead to 7-6 on a single in the top of the sixth, reliever Steve Connor held off the Warriors in the seventh to record a save.

The loss was a tough one for the Warriors, who outlasted the Kahoks 7-6 but stranded nine baserunners.

"We knew it was going to be a tough ballgame," said Granite City assistant coach Darren DePew, after filling in for the Gus Koenig, who was ill. "It was a pretty typical conference game."

"We couldn't put it away. Hopefully we can start winning some of these games."

The Warriors spotted the Kahoks an 1-0 lead in the first inning when Brian Muniz hit a leadoff double against GCCHS starter Shain Kuehnel, took the lead off the wall in the top of the second, and DePew followed by Andy McFall and scored when Jason Bilevuk struck out but reached as the ball got past Nemeth behind the plate.

The Warriors answered with four runs in the second. With Keith Simon on first, Kuehnel helped his own cause and belted a two-run homer over the center field fence to tie the game at 2-2. Nemeth, the next batter, took Thomas deep again with an opposite field solo shot over the right field fence.

The Warriors added another run on an RBI single by Jon Reader. The two homers appeared to give the Warriors an early edge with Kuehnel (5-0), their top pitcher, on the mound. But Thomas settled down and held the Warriors scoreless until the fifth.

Collinsville 7, Granite City 6

GCCHS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Reader, R	0	0	0	0	0	0
DeLisle, B	0	0	0	0	0	0
Simon, K	1	0	0	0	0	0
Logan, D	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nemeth, C	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sturdvant, G	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3	8	6	5	2	10

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Kuehnel, L	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thomas, J	1	0	0	0	0	0
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Logan, D	0	0	0	0	0	0
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